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Item 11 of the Provisional Agenda: Examination of Nominations of Properties to the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger

The members of the Committee may wish to consult, for ease of reference, Document WHC-94/CONF.003/3, Report of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee (4-9 July 1994), as well as Document WHC-94/CONF.003/7Rev., which will present the recommendations adopted by the outgoing Bureau of the World Heritage Committee at its December meeting, after having examined the sites which were referred back by the Bureau at its previous meeting in July 1994, as well as new nominations dating back from earlier years.

Working Document WHC-94/003/7Rev. will be distributed at the beginning of the Committee meeting, once the outgoing Bureau has finalised its proceedings.

Nominations to the World Heritage List

A. Natural sites:

A.1 Properties which the Bureau recommended for inscription to the World Heritage List

Name of Property	Identification Number	State Party having submitted the nomination (in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention)	Criteria
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Australian Fossil Sites (Riversleigh/Naracoorte)	698	Australia	N (i)(ii)
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The Bureau recommended that the Committee inscribe a modified version of the site as Riversleigh/Naracoorte Fossil site, excluding the site of Murgon until its significance can be more convincingly demonstrated. The Bureau noted furthermore that Riversleigh provides outstanding examples of middle to late Tertiary mammal assemblages and one of the world's richest Oligo-Miocene mammal records in a continent whose mammalian history has been most isolated and distinctive, whereas Naracoorte preserved outstanding terrestrial vertebrates and illustrates faunal change spanning two ice ages. The Bureau moreover underlined that the inscription of the fossil sites is a new challenge, as there are only very few sites with fossil values on the list and that this inscription is a major precedent for the Committee.

In their response of 28 September 1994, the Australian authorities informed the Centre of their agreement to the Bureau's recommendations. An agreement has been reached with the Queensland and South Australian Governments and amended the title of the nomination to **Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (Riversleigh, Naracoorte)**.

Tatshenshini-Alsek Provincial Wilderness Park (extension of the Glacier Bay/Wrangell/St. Elias/Kluane site)	72bis/rev.	Canada/USA	N(ii)(iii)(iv)
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The Bureau recommended that the Committee inscribe this as an extension to the Glacier Bay/Wrangell/St. Elias/Kluane World Heritage site. The site comprises spectacular river and high mountain scenery and a diversity of wildlife (genetically viable population of grizzly bears) and fish, as well as outstanding examples of geological and geomorphological processes.

Bwindi 682 **Uganda** N(iii)(iv)
Impenetrable
National Park

The Bureau recommended that the Committee inscribe the site which has one of the richest faunal communities in East Africa, including almost half of the world's mountain gorillas, and one of the most important forests for mountain butterflies and birds. It furthermore commended the Government of Uganda as well as the donors on their efforts to obtain international funding for the establishment of a model management regime.

Rwenzori 684 **Uganda** N(iii)(iv)
Mountains
National Park

The Bureau recommended that the Committee inscribe the site, which is also known as "Mountains of the Moon", for their aesthetic and scenic values as well as for their significance as the habitat of threatened species and the exceptional variety of species within the extraordinary altitudinal range of the Park.

A.2 Properties which the Bureau did not recommend for inscription on the World Heritage List

Murchison Falls 683 **Uganda**
National Park

The Bureau recognized Murchison Falls as an important natural phenomena and as a habitat of elephants, giraffes and Nile crocodile. The Bureau felt, however, that it has been significantly degraded and does not now meet World Heritage criteria and therefore did not recommend the site for inscription. It commended the Government of Uganda and the GTZ for their efforts to restore the site.

A.3 The following nominations which were referred back by the Bureau in July 1994 may be presented to the Committee subject to the recommendations of the Phuket Bureau meeting, in December 1994

Galapagos Marine ibis **Ecuador**
Reserve
(extension of the
Galapagos Islands)

The Bureau recognized the outstanding universal significance of the Galapagos Marine Reserve as an extension to the Galapagos Islands World Heritage site. Its marine environment has been recognized as a distinct biotic province including 307 species of fish (51 endemic) and large numbers of dolphins, whales, sea lions and fur seals, sharks, rays and turtles.

The Bureau, however, noted that the management plan for the marine part is not being implemented and requested the Centre to prepare a letter to the national authorities under the Chairperson's signature, requesting the confirmation of the following commitments and evidence of progress concerning the management of the marine reserve: (1) augment the management capacity (2) encourage institutional cooperation (3) step up enforcement activities to ensure the integrity of the marine reserve and (4) conduct research on the sustainability levels of fishing.

It took note of severe management problems of the area including illegal sea cucumber fishing and other human-related stresses on the marine resources. Discussion focused also on the possibility by the Committee to nominate the site directly to the List of World Heritage in Danger.

The authorities of Ecuador have informed the Centre that they have taken the following action: extension of the Galapagos Marine Reserve (GMR) from 15 to 40 miles, prohibition of shark fishing, prohibition of fishing in the GMR except for local fisherman, suspension of new concessions for tourist operators, review of permits for large-scale fishing outside the Marine Reserve, purchase of two patrol boats and one airplane for surveillance purposes, review of the present legal framework of the site.

Glacier and Waterton Lakes 354rev Canada/USA
International Peace Park

The Bureau recalled that it referred the site back to the authorities in 1986 and noted that the revised nomination included, as requested, the Waterton National Park. However, it did not provide any sufficient additional information which distinguished it from other similar World Heritage sites in the Western Cordillera. The Bureau noted that the site has important values for threatened species, significant geological formations, as well as spectacular mountain landscapes.

After considerable discussions and statements by the Delegate of the United States and the Observer of Canada, the Bureau referred the site back to the authorities to allow them to prepare a revised nomination, with comparison to other World Heritage sites in the surrounding regions. No further information has been received so far.

Canaima National Park 701 Venezuela

The Bureau recognized the outstanding universal value of the site, in particular the unique table mountains (tepui), and requested the Centre to inform the authorities of this. However, it requested that the authorities proceed with the identification of revised boundaries of the site, including the famous tepui formations, but excluding the low elevation grasslands inhabited

by indigenous people who have not been involved in the nomination process. Furthermore, a second phase to incorporate other tepuis outside the nominated area was encouraged. The Bureau strongly encouraged the Venezuelan authorities to proceed with the revised boundaries so that the Committee could inscribe the site in 1994. No written information has been provided so far by the Venezuelan authorities.

Furthermore, the Centre contacted the Brazilian authorities and expressed the Bureau's concern over the illegal occupation and mining in the adjacent Monte Roraima National Park and requested that action be taken to halt these threats. The Brazilian authorities informed the Centre in their letter of 3 August 1994 that they have transmitted the information to the authorities concerned. No information has been received so far.

A.4 Earlier nominations which may be examined by the Committee, subject to the recommendations of the Phuket Bureau meeting in December 1994.

Central Eastern N(i)(ii)(iv) Australian Rainforest (extension of the Australian East Coast Temperate & Sub- tropical Rainforest Park)	368bis	Australia
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The Bureau recalled that the site was submitted as an extension and a renomination of the Australian East Coast Temperate and Sub-Tropical Rainforest Park. At its seventeenth session, the Bureau recommended the acceptance of the extension of the site and made several recommendations for final boundary limitations (exclusion of Iluka), details of a new management committee and a more explicit name. The Minister for the Environment, Arts and Territories informed the World Heritage Centre on 21 October 1993 that negotiations would take more time.

The Australian authorities in their response informed the Centre that they have consulted with the Queensland and New South Wales State Governments. However, they do not believe that Iluka Nature Reserve should be omitted from the renomination, as it was considered to contain World Heritage values at the 1986 nomination.

Concerning the name of the property, it may be preferable to revise the current name to "The Rainforests of Central Eastern Australia" in order to emphasize the rainforest character of the property. Australian authorities would, however, also accept the name "Central Eastern Rainforest Reserves (Australia)". Concerning the management, a coordinating committee has been established comprising officers from the Commonwealth Department

of the Environment, Sports and Territories and the agencies responsible for nature conservation and forestry in New South Wales and Queensland to facilitate cooperative management. Furthermore, Australia wished to amend the nominated boundaries including the Flora Reserves of the Richmond Range (4947 ha), an area at Carrai/Mcleay (95,580 ha) as well as two new areas not previously submitted for the Bureau's consideration, Mebbin Lagoons (10,5 ha), adjacent to Border Ranges National Park, and Cunnawarra (400 ha), close to the New England National Park, both managed by the State Forests of New South Wales. Australia recognizes the strength of the nomination in regard to criteria (i)(ii) and (iv), however considers that the nomination meets criteria (iii) too, and wishes that the site be inscribed with recognition of this.

**St. Paul's
Subterranean
National Park**

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Philippines

At its seventeenth session, in June 1993, the Bureau reviewed the site and was of the view that an extended nomination may meet criteria (iii) and (iv). The Philippine authorities informed the World Heritage Centre on 12 May 1994 that appropriate legislation expanding the area of the Park from 5,753 ha to 86,000 ha is expected to be officially approved by the Philippine Government. By letter of 28 September 1994 the authorities informed the Centre that no official government approvals for the extended boundaries of the site have been received. No further information was provided in time for the preparation of this document.

Ha-Long Bay

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Vietnam

The Bureau recalled that at its seventeenth session it recognized that the site would fulfil natural criterion (iii) because of its outstanding scenic values. However, a clear definition of the boundaries and an effective management regime and legislation was requested. On 27 June 1994 the Centre was informed by the Ambassador of Vietnam to UNESCO, that additional documents and maps have been provided which the Centre has transmitted to IUCN for evaluation. As the information required was considered insufficient by IUCN, the Centre informed the authorities concerned.

Jiddat-al-Harasis

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Oman

The Bureau recalled that the site was reviewed at its seventeenth session and was referred back to the authorities to complete the nomination with an effective management regime and administrative structure, as well as legislation. The Bureau was informed that the administration statute will be laid down by the Ministry of Regional Municipalities and Environment. The authorities have chosen a consultant for the preparation of the management plan.

A.5 Nomination for the List of World Heritage in Danger

Please refer to the document WHC-94/CONF.003/6 concerning the situation of two sites in Zaire. IUCN will report in particular on **Virunga National Park**, inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1979.

B. Cultural sites:

B.1 Properties which the Bureau (July 1994) recommended for inscription on the World Heritage List

Name of Property	Identification No.	State Party having submitted the nomination in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention	Criteria
The Mountain Resort and its Outlying Temples	703	China	C(ii)(iv)
The Potala Palace, Lhasa	707	China	C(i)(iv)(vi)

The Bureau recommended the inscription of this site on the World Heritage List and requested the Chinese authorities to envisage the possibility in the future of extending the first site to include the historic village of Shol, the Temple of Lukhang and its willow parks, as well as the Chakpori Hill.

Jelling Mounds, Runic Stones and Church	697	Denmark	C(iii)
The City-Museum Reserve of Mtskheta	708	Georgia	C(iii)(iv)

The Bureau recommended the inscription of this property on the World Heritage List and suggested to the State Party to change the name to "Historic Churches of Mtskheta".

Bagrati Cathedral and Gelati	710	Georgia	C(iv)
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The Bureau recommended the inscription of this property on the World Heritage List and recommended the ICOMOS mission evaluation report to be transmitted to the State Party.

The Collegiate Church, Castle, and old town of Quedlinburg	535rev	Germany	C(iv)
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Völklingen Ironworks	687	Germany	C(ii)(iv)
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Vicenza	712	Italy	C(i)(ii)
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The Bureau recommended the inscription of this property on the World Heritage List and that the ICCROM/ICOMOS mission evaluation report be transmitted to the State Party. Moreover, it was suggested to change the name of the property by adding the words "The City of Palladio".

Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto (Kyoto, Uji and Otsu Cities)	688	Japan	C(ii)(iv)
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The City of Luxemburg: its old quarters and fortifications	699	Luxemburg	C(iv)
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The Church of the Ascension, Kolomenskoye	634rev.	Russian Federation	C(ii)
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The Rock Carvings in Tanum	557rev.	Sweden	C(i)(iii)(iv)
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B.2 Extensions

Surroundings of the Mosque of Cordoba (extension of the Mosque of Cordoba)	331bis	Spain	C(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)
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The Bureau recommended that the nomination of the surroundings of the Mosque-Cathedral of Cordoba be considered as an extension of the existing World Heritage site of the Mosque of Cordoba. The Bureau endorsed the suggestion made by the Delegate of Spain to adopt the name "The Historic Centre of Cordoba".

Historic Centre of Granada (extension of the Alhambra and the Generalife, Granada, to include the Albayzin quarter)	314bis	Spain	C(i)(iii) (iv)
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The Bureau endorsed the suggestion made by the Delegate of Spain to adopt the following name: **Alhambra, Generalife and Albayzin, Grenada.**

B.3 Properties which the Bureau did not recommend for inscription on the World Heritage List

The Monastery Church of the Ascension of the Virgin Mary at Kladruby	691	Czech Republic	
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The Cathedral of St. Elizabeth, the Chapel of St. Michael and Urban's Tower, Kosice	681	Slovak Republic	
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B.4 The following nominations which were referred back by the Bureau in July 1994 may be presented to the Committee subject to the recommendations of the Phuket Bureau meeting, in December 1994

The Temple of Confucius, the Cemetery of Confucius, and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu	704	China	C(i)(iv) (vi)
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The Bureau took note of the ICOMOS evaluation and referred this nomination to the Chinese authorities requesting them to provide precise information on the buffer zone of the site.

The ancient building complex in the Wudang Mountains	705	China	C(i)(ii) (vi)
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The Bureau took note of the ICOMOS evaluation and referred this nomination to the Chinese authorities requesting them to provide

vicinity of the historic centre. In 1990, Lithuania became an independent state and signed the World Heritage Convention. The Lithuanian authorities then renewed the process of nomination and provided the additional information requested. ICOMOS will present a new evaluation of this nomination to the Bureau.

Skogskoggården**588Rev.****Sweden**

The Bureau at its seventeenth session deferred this nomination until a comparative study on cemeteries and a study on XXth century architecture be undertaken by ICOMOS. Furthermore, the Bureau considered that this property should also be evaluated as a cultural landscape. ICOMOS informed that it is now in a position to present a new evaluation of this property to the Bureau.

City of Safranbylu**614****Turkey**

The Committee at its sixteenth session deferred this nomination until information on the boundaries of the site was provided. This information has now been received and ICOMOS will present its views and recommendations to the Bureau.